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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS ON SPRING 1979 MINISTERIAL
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1. DUTCH DCM BUWALDA SOUGHT OUT AMBASSADOR MAY 9 TO
RECALL THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAD BEEN IN LINE TO HOST THE
MINISTERIAL THIS SPRING AND HAD ACCEDED TO THE US DESIRE
TO HOLD THE SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON. BUWALDA SAID HIS
AUTHORITIES HOPED TO HOST THE MEETING NEXT SPRING AT THE
HAGUE AT REGULAR MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE ADDED, SOMEWHAT
UNEASILY, THAT SINCE THE DUTCH WILL LIKELY EXTEND THE
INVITATION FOR THE 1979 SPRING MINISTERIAL DURING THE
WASHINGTON SUMMIT, THEY HOPE NOT TO BE SURPRISED.
IF THE US HAS ANY THOUGHTS ABOUT A NATO SUMMIT NEXT SPRING
THE DUTCH HOPE THEY WILL BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE.
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2. DURING THE MAY 10 NAC DISCUSSION OF THE SUMMIT AGENDA,
DUTCH PERMREP BARKMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NATO SUMMITS
WOULD NOT BE TOO FREQUENT OR BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED.
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